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SUBJECT: MEETING IN TOKYO BETWEEN MIYAZAWA AND KIM DONG JO

1. JAPANESE AMB. YASUKAWA CALLED ON ASST. SEC. HABIB ON MARCH 31 TO REQUEST BRIEFING ON KIM DONGJO'S VISIT LAST WEEK. YASUKAWA SAID INFORMATION WOULD BE OFF RECORD AND TO AID GOJ IN PREPARING FOR MEETINGS IN TOKYO WITH KIM.

2.HABIB AFFIRMED CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY INFORMATION HE COULD PROVIDE AND SAID THAT WE HAD HAD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON STRATEGY FOR KOREAN QUESTION AT THE UN. HABIB SAID WE CANNOT STAND PAT ON LAST YEAR'S APPROACH SINCE UNFAVORABLE RESOLUTION ON KOREA MIGHT WELL PASS. WE MUST ALSO STUDY THE QUESTION OF WHAT IS BEST SECURITY COUNCIL CONTEXT FOR HANDLING KOREAN QUESTION. HE SAID THAT WE PLAN TO CONSIDER PROBLEM OVER NEXT WEEKS,AND AFTER COORDINATION WITH ROKG, DISCUSS OUR VIEWS WITH CLOSE ALLIES INCLUDING JAPAN. HABIB SAID WE INTEND TO PRESERVE
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OUR MILITARY PRESENCE WHICH IS NOT CONNECTED TO THE UNC

QUESTION. AS WE STATED LAST YEAR, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO SEE THE UN COMMAND TERMINATED IF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT REMAINS IN EFFECT.

3. IN ANSWER TO YASUKAWA'S QUESTION, HABIB SAID WE HAD MADE OUR POSITION ON UNC CLEAR TO THE PRC LAST OCTOBER BUT HAD GOTTEN NO RESPONSE. THE NORTH KOREANS SO FAR SHOWED NO SIGN OF WILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG WITH OUR PROPOSALS IN ANY FORM.

4. HABIB SUGGESTED MIYAZAWA MIGHT WISH TO ASK KIM WHAT HIS OPINION WAS OF HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON. HABIB ALSO ASKED FOR FEEDBACK FROM THE JAPANESE SIDE ON THE TALKS WITH KIM IN TOKYO, SAYING WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN ANYTHING GOJ COULD CONVEY.

5. HABIB THEN SHIFTED SUBJECT TO JAPANESE-KOREAN RELATIONS. HE SAID IT IS CLEAR THAT ROKG IS LOOKING FOR SOME GESTURE FROM THE JAPANESE IN THE DIRECTION OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. HABIB CONFIRMED TO YASUKAWA THAT IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THE TIME IS RIPE FOR SOME MOVEMENT IN RESUMING MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. HABIB NOTED THAT KIM HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT JAPANESE EX-IM LOANS TO NORTH KOREANS AND JAPANESE SHIPMENTS OF GOODS SUCH AS SCUBA GEAR WHICH MIGHT BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

6. HABIB ALSO SAID THAT KIM HAD ASKED FOR US SUPPORT, AND PROBABLY ALSO WOULD BE SEEKING GOJ SUPPORT, IN KEEPING NORTH KOREA OUT OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS GROUP. YASUKAWA SAID THAT NORTH KOREA, AS SOVIET ALLY, SHOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR NON-ALIGNED STATUS. KISSINGER

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